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The settlement negotiated with the Department of Justice is inadequate to the task. Please abandon it.

The alternative proposal put forth by the 9 states seems much better but is still not enough.

Judge Jackson's original proposal seems best.

Section J2 of negotiated settlement is particularly troubling. It allows Microsoft to decide if any competitor is a legitimate and viable business. What about the SAMBA project? It seems likely Microsoft would not regard a non-profit as a viable business.

H1 seems to regard all middle-ware as products with specific user interfaces. COM would not be such a middle-ware product. This would seem to permit Microsoft to disable any replacement for their COM product.

Yours,

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